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JAMES RUMPH.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 476.]

APRIL 1, 1858.

Mr. MOORE, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Rumph, beg leave respectfully to report :

That in the year 1837 while the Creek Indians were engaged in hostilities within the States of Georgia and Alabama, numerous volunteers were mustered into the service of the United States; among others was a company commanded by Captain Harrel. This company, with another, encountered the Indians in a battle Cubahatchee and Pea river, and several of the soldiers of said companies were dangerously wounded.

No regular surgeon of the army was at hand, and the petitioner, being a practicing physician, was sent for; he went repeatedly to visit them, and at long distances from his place of residence; faithfully rendering such medical aid as their cases required. For these services, which the proof shows were reasonably worth, at the time, the sum of seven hundred and sixty dollars, petitioner has received no compensation.

Those soldiers, being in the service of the United States, had a right to expect that when wounded in battle the government would provide them with medical attention, or if it did not do so, that the government would at least pay for such medical services as may have been rendered them.

The committee are unanimously of the opinion that the petitioner is entitled to the amount of seven hundred and sixty dollars, as compensation for his said services, and therefore report the accompanying bill for the payment of the same, and recommend its passage.